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Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 6:07 PM
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Hi Nancy,

Here's the full request for *EPA-R9-2017-011068*, submitted August 31:

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Pursuant to The Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended by Public Law NO. 104-231, 110 STAT. 3048, I formally request that you, in your official capacity, make

available to me a copy of the following records in the possession of the United States Environmental Protection Agency: 1--A copy of all communications and documents sent between the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality regarding the mining company Bagdad Hillside and its discharging of arsenic-contaminated water into Boulder Creek in Bagdad, Arizona. Please provide these documents electronically, if possible. This request, made in my position as a reporter for The Associated Press, is for a non-commercial purpose. Please provide a response to my request by no later than the close of business on Friday, September 8, 2017. I strongly believe that the foregoing documents are of vital interest to the public. Please send any responsive documents to myself and Associated Press news editor Josh Hoffner at jhoffner@ap.org. Thank you for your time, Clarice Silber

I've also included below my earlier email and attachment, which gives some background. Our subject matter expert received a brief note from the reporter today, simply asking that any documents go to another reporter – she may be moving on to other things. (See immediately below.) This could be an opportunity to acknowledge her email and provide at least the links listed below as some background in the interim.

From: Silber, Clarice [<mailto:CSilber@ap.org>]
Sent: Friday, October 20, 2017 9:42 AM
To: Vollmer, Jared <Vollmer.Jared@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: EPA FOIA Extension

Hi Jared,

I just wanted to reach out and ask that you send any upcoming EPA FOIA documents primarily to Josh Hoffner at jhoffner@ap.org.

Thank you for your time,

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Hey Nancy,

I'm following up on the conversation you and Kelly had on the FOIA request from AP regarding

Hillside Mine.

This FOIA request concerns an abandoned mine site in a very remote section of central Arizona outside of the small town of Bagdad. The Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) asked for EPA R9 assistance a number of years ago. EPA has helped in a few capacities, primarily with technical design assistance through Superfund and Water Division support for ADEQ to use CWA § 319 funding for remediation. In 2016, BLM completed remediation on the upper pile, and in May 2017, the state completed a project on the lower pile, using \$1.3m of CWA § 319 funds along with \$1.4m of State funds. In addition, the state has recently indicted the company (Bagdad Hillside LLC – formerly Placer Mining Co. – which is the subject of the FOIA request) for discharging arsenic-contaminated water into Boulder Creek and not complying with previous consent decrees. EPA is not party to these legal actions.

The FOIA request is for “communications and documents sent between EPA and ADEQ regarding the mining company Bagdad Hillside and its discharging of arsenic-contaminated water into Boulder Creek.” Our lead responder committed to releasing some documents this week as we work on the centralized search of email correspondence, which will take some time. To meet that commitment, we propose that our lead responder refer the reporter to the following documents as background:

1. [Boulder Creek Total Maximum Daily Load \(TMDL\)](#)
2. [TMDL Implementation Plan](#)
3. EPA 2013 letter of support on Boulder Creek water quality projects (attached)
4. [2015 news release](#)

Thanks for your help with this. Since the requestor was expecting to receive some documents at the beginning of this week, it would be ideal to follow up with her today or tomorrow.

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